# 

A Study in the Book of Zechariah

# "By My Spirit"

## Zechariah Chapters 4 and 5

**WEEK 3 – June 15** 

#### Zechariah Outline

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Darius – Word and Visions

- The First Word 1:1-1:6
- Eight Visions 1:7-6:8
  - 1. Horsemen
  - 2. Horns and Craftsman
  - 3. Measuring Line and Jerusalem
  - 4. Joshua the High Priest
  - **5. Lampstand and Olive Trees**
  - 6. Flying Scroll
  - 7. Woman in a Basket
  - 8. Four Chariots
- Priest on His Thrown (Performance) 6:9-6:15

#### 4th Year of Darius - Word and Oracles

- Instruction and Warning (fasting) 7
- Encouragement and Hope (feasting) 8
- The First Oracle 9-11
- The Second Oracle 12-14

# Trinity in Old Testament Prophecy

#### Revelation 1:4-6

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace <u>FROM</u> him who is and who was and who is to come, and <u>FROM</u> the seven spirits who are before his throne, and <u>FROM</u> Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

<u>TO</u> him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Vision – Zech 4

 4<sup>th</sup> Vision was concerning Joshua the High Priest, 5<sup>th</sup> Vision is concerning Zerubbabel

 MAIN POINT – It is not by the power of men, but by the power of God supplied through His Spirit that these things will be accomplished

#### Luke 1:35 (Jesus Birth)

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

#### Acts 10:38 (Jesus Power on Earth)

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

#### 1 Thes 1:4-5 (Our Re Birth)

For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

#### Romans 15:13 (Our Power on Earth)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.



#### Imagery of a Gold Lampstand

- Exodus 25:31 Lampstand of pure Gold in the Tabernacle
  - The Holy Place, NOT THE MOST HOLY PLACE
  - Pure Gold Precious and pure
  - John 1:9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.
  - Rev 1:20 The 7 Lampstands are the 7 Churches
    - Mat 5:14 "You are the light of the world..."
  - Rev 11 The Lampstands are the Two Witnesses

#### His Light and His Witness on Earth

- When Zechariah wrote? <u>Zerubbabel</u>
- When Jesus came to Earth? *Jesus*
- After Jesus ascended? The Church
- During the Great Tribulation? <u>The Two</u> Witnesses in

New Heavens New Earth? The Lamb!!

Jerusalem



#### Two Olive Trees

- "Anointed" in this passage Oil (Olive Oil)
  - Different word from Hebrew "mashach" Exodus 40:9 – " Then you shall take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle an all that is in it, and consecrate it and all its furniture, so that it may become holy.

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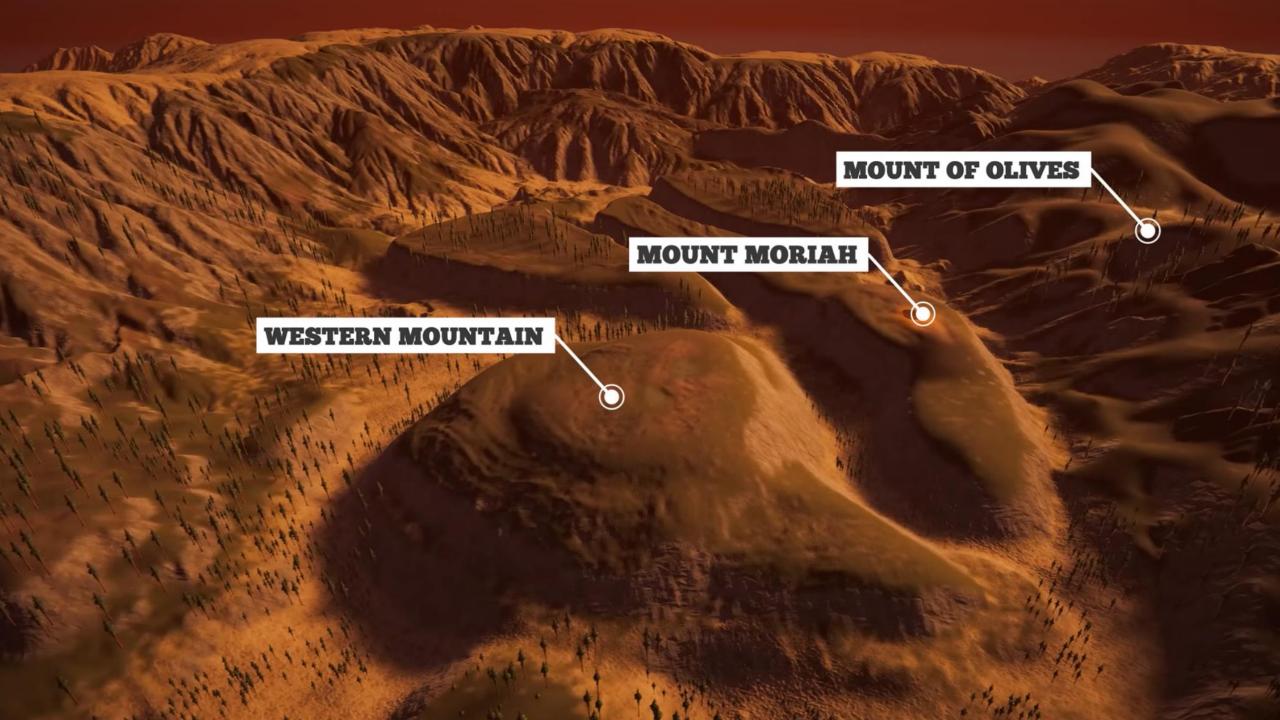
- Rev 11 Two Witnesses
  - Clear reference to Zech 4:14, two lampstands because there are two witnesses in Rev as opposed to one (Zerubbabel) in Zech
  - Power to shut the sky (Elijah, prophets)
  - Power to turn waters to blood and send all kinds of plagues (Moses, law)

# 5<sup>th</sup> Vision Near Term Fulfillment

- Zerubbabel Governor of Judea
- Mountain becomes a Plain Metaphor
- He laid the foundation of the Temple and restarted construction (Ezra 5, Hag 1:12)
- He will complete it in the 6<sup>th</sup> Year of Darius (Ezra 6:13-15)
- Encouragement for those who remember the grandeur of Solomon's Temple

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- His hands laid the foundation of The Church though His death, burial, resurrection
- He will complete it at His Second Coming –
   The Resurrection

#### Plumb Line

- Measuring Line Horizontal Breadth
  - Prosperity, growth, and peace
- Plumb Line Vertical Depth
  - Perfection in righteousness
     (Amos 7:7-9)

#### Amos 7:7-9

This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the

### 6<sup>th</sup> Vision – Zech 5:1-4

- Flying Scroll, curse on the land for those who steal, and those who swear falsely by the name of The LORD
- **Prophesy and warning of Complete** Judgement on the households that commit these sins (2 sided scrolls of judgement in also in Ezekiel 2 and Rev 5, **Rev 10**)

#### Similarities in Rev & Zech Scolls

- Written on both sides
  - From Heaven (Flying Scroll)
  - Over "the face of the whole land"
  - A curse that brings punishment for sin

# Differences with Rev & Zech Scrolls

- Sealed vs opened
- Its size is specified in Zechariah
- The nature and extent of the sins being judged

# 6<sup>th</sup> Vision Fulfillment

- For Judah and Jerusalem through the time of Jesus Christ
  - "Swears falsely <u>by my name</u>"
  - These sins are specifically warned against in Malachi, the generation that follows Zechariah
  - Sins like Idolatry not mentioned
  - Manifest by Jesus "Woes" to religious leaders
  - Fulfilled through Roman General Titus in 70AD

# 7<sup>th</sup> Vision – Zech 5:5-11

- Woman of iniquity (name is wickedness)
  in a measuring basket leaden cover over
  her is lifted and then replaced over her
- Taken out from Jerusalem, taken to Shinar where a house is built for it

#### Shinar

- Gen 11 Land of Shinar = Babel = Babylon
- Babylon often referred to as a woman/queen (Rev 17-18, Jer 51, Isa 47)
- Always associated with Evil, Wickedness, Iniquity, Greed, Sexual Immortality
- Jerusalem=God's City; Babylon=Man's City



- A Golden container
- w/ a Golden cover
- Full of Holy Items
- Flanked by gold winged Cherubim
- In Jerusalem
- Where a house is being build for it
- Horns in Ch 1
- Garments in Ch 3
- Lampstand Ch 4
- Scroll in Ch 5
- Throne in Ch 6

# 7<sup>th</sup> Vision Fulfillment

- Near Term For Judah and Jerusalem (possible)
  - Ezra 9-10 Jews putting off foreign wives they had taken in captivity
- Ultimate
  - Reve 17 and 18, Babylon fully manifested with Antichrist
  - End of wickedness in the New Heavens and New Earth

# 6th and 7th Visions for the Church

- God
- God 1) calls us out of the world
  - 2) keeps us in the world, and
  - 3) warns us to actively forsake the ways of the world
- REMINDER TO MAKE OUR CALLING AND ELECTION (GOD CHOOSING) SURE

#### NEXT WEEK

WEEK 4 – June 22

"A Kingly Priest"

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